



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER

"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"
Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' John 15 v 12

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WB 10th February 2025

We have arrived at February half term as we have an inset day tomorrow. We hope that you have a lovely half term break. On the Inset Day, the teachers will be talking about assessment with other locality schools. Enjoy this extra day and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24th February. Thank you to everyone for your support over the last half term. 'It takes a village to raise a child' and so many people want to help with our school.

News

Facebook – We are launching a new school Facebook page. This will have up to date news articles and information on what is happening at school. You can find our new page [HERE](#)



February half term – If you need somewhere for the children to eat for free – look at this!

There are also some February Half Term Activities available, you can find our more information here - <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHORSHAM/bulletins/3cd42b8>

Year 6 SATs meeting – Thank you to those who attended the parents meeting. If you couldn't attend then the PowerPoint presentation is on the class pages for SA and Japan. A child friendly version is on the class website if your child needs to know more about the tests.

Church Links

Reflection - This week's reflection is about forgiveness, thank you so much to Mrs Smith for putting this together for our school community. [Forgiveness 2025](#)

Learning

Spring Term 2 topics / learning – UK and Thailand will be learning about Space and Journeys, India and Italy will be looking at Towers, Tunnels and Turrets, NZ, SL and USA will be focussing on Misty Mountains and Windy Rivers. Mexico and China will be looking at 'Off with her Head' and Year 6 start Exploring Africa. These are great themes and so much new learning will happen. If you want further details on each topic then use the class pages on the website to find out more.

Egyptian Day – What a wonderful day for NZ, USA and SL classes! It was great to see the range of costumes and the ambitious day that the children had planned. Horsham Museum came and took on the role of the ‘expert’ and were able to tell the children about artefacts, clothes in Egyptian times, make up and jewellery, embalming and life in Egyptian times.



DT and mask designing – the children in USA class have been designing Egyptian masks. They have had very creative ideas and we are looking forward to seeing the final outcome.



Author visit – MG Leonard – We had a virtual author visit with MG Leonard who has written Hunt of the Golden Scarab and Beetle Boy. It is always great for the children to be inspired by authors and this was gripping with the bugs!



Tudor Day – What an array of Tudor costumes we had! The children in Italy and India Class thought about the bakery in Pudding Lane and what the baker might have been making – they also made their own bread rolls.



Tudor houses – The children wanted to know about how fire would spread as it did in the Great Fire of London - so we made cardboard houses, put them together and demonstrated how this happens. There were lots of other learning that came from this about materials that burn, ash and what this is, what fire is and fire safety. Such a lot of learning in this topic.



Writing in EYFS – Drawing Club is having such an impact on writing. It was great to share some sentences this week with Maddie! Every word was decodable – a real achievement.



Things to know...

International Day – Huge thanks to the parents that have offered to come into school and share their knowledge and experience of various countries and languages with the children on International Day. We are very lucky to have a wide variety of cultures and traditions within our community and we are very much looking forward to learning more about them. If you are able to volunteer a couple of hours to come and share some information with our children on 28th February 2025, we'd love to hear from you and have you join us for what is sure to be an enriching day for all.

Easter sweet shop – Date for your diary - There will be an Easter Sweet shop on the playground after school on Thursday 3rd April. This is being run by a Year 6 child and their family. More information to follow.

Chartwells' meal choices – Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

February Cut off Dates

HALF TERM

Thurs 13/02 for w/c 24/02



March Cut off Dates

Thurs 20/02 for w/c 03/03

Thurs 27/02 for w/c 10/03

Thurs 06/03 for w/c 17/03

Thurs 13/03 for w/c 24/03

Dates for your diary – SPRING TERM

Fri 14th Feb – INSET DAY

Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb – HALF TERM

Mon 24th Feb – Back to school

Mon 3rd March – African Drumming Y6 and Ukulele workshop Y5

Thurs 6th March – World Book Day – Book character costumes please

Tues 10th March – STEM scientist in school for KS2

Wed 12th March – Steyning Shop Book Fayre 3pm – come and choose a book!

Fri 21st March – Reports come home (NZ class will receive reports in the summer term due to the change in staffing)

Tue 25th and Thurs 27th March – Parents Evenings

Mon 31st March – Easter Play 2pm

Tue 1st April – Easter Play 2pm

Tue 1st April – 3.30pm Cobnor Residential Meeting

Tue 1st April – School Disco

Thurs 3rd April – Easter Sweet shop on the playground

Fri 4th April – Last Day of term

Celebrations



Vine leaves – **Leo H (NZ)** – *Independence and Courage* - for working really hard and engaging in class. **Tommy B (Mex)** – *Friendship* – for taking the time to talk to a younger child about a common interest.

Class Assemblies – These are the dates for class assemblies for this term. Please come and celebrate the children's achievements with them. These will start at 9am.

Thurs 13th Feb – Italy

Wed 26th Feb - USA

Thurs 27th Feb – SL

Wed 5th Mar – New Zealand

Thurs 13th Mar – Japan (main hall) Thailand (Small Hall)

Wed 19th Mar - UK

Thurs 20th Mar – India

Thurs 27th Mar - China

Thurs 3rd Apr - SA

Achievements -



**Ada B (SL) &
Sienna-Jane C-G
(SL) – came first in
a dance pairs
competition**



**Lucas M (Mex)
– gained his Blue
Peter Badge**



**Ava M (NZ) –
gained her Blue
Peter Badge,
Music Badge and
Green Badge**



St Mary's Church, Pulborough

Sunday 16th February 2025

Let's Celebrate!

LOVE

An Open, Informal Service for All Ages.



3.30pm – Tea and Cake

4pm - Let's Celebrate!



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays from Monday 17th - Friday 28th February 2025.

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 Daily at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

LAS IGUANAS

Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanas' for free meals for mini Iguanas under 12.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

BURGER KING

From Friday 14th - Friday 21st Feb 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal purchased via the app.

ZIZZI

From Monday 17th February until Sunday 2nd March 2025 kids eat free at Zizzi

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 10th - Sunday 23rd February 2025

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

HARVESTER

From Monday 10th - Friday 28th Feb 2025, kids eat for £1 with every adult meal via the app

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get free breakfast daily with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

BREWDOG

Pre-book online using code: **KIDS EAT FREE** and Kids under 13 eat free (various dates, see link)

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

THE GREAT PULBOROUGH PANCAKE DAY



**Cooking pancakes for charity
on Shrove Tuesday in
Pulborough Village Hall**

Tuesday 4th March, 2025

11.30am to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to 8pm

*All profits will be split between Macmillan Palliative Care based at
Midhurst supported by the Bifingham Macmillan Group,
Pulborough Lunch Club and Educate West Africa –
supporting the schools in the Diocese of Exeter in Sierra Leone*



Volunteers Needed to Teach Simple CPR in Schools

Join our charity and learn bystander CPR skills for yourself, then practice them by teaching local school children in 70-minute face-2-face sessions



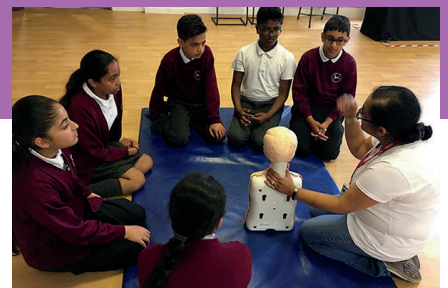
Our volunteers:

- are from all backgrounds
- are DBS checked
- need no previous CPR training
- deliver a simple, scripted, video supported session
- join together in small groups to teach in local schools when they can



We'll provide:

- online signup and training
- manikins to teach with
- video support for sessions
- e-certificate for CPD purposes
- feedback opportunity
- organisation of sessions
- resources, information & support



Why volunteer:

- *2 of the 16,000+ children we've trained have saved lives*
- *practice through teaching increases confidence to do CPR if needed*
- *it's flexible*
- *meet new people*
- *gain a sense of achievement and make a difference*



Scan the QR code or visit
www.littlelifesavers.org/get-involved/
to find out more.

Want to help, but can't volunteer?
No problem:

We know not everyone can be available to volunteer in the week, but there are lots of other ways you can help us to keep teaching lifesaving skills to children:

Share this leaflet with your friends and colleagues so they can volunteer and help too.



Volunteer Leaflet QR Code



Follow and say hello on social media:



LittleLifeSaversCharity

Tell your own children's schools about our free sessions.



School Leaflet QR Code

Our sessions are made free for the children by time and money generously donated by the public. We receive no grants or income other than donations. Please help us to be here next year by:



Shopping online via

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littlelifesavers/

They donate each time you shop, at no extra cost to you.

Joining our Founder's Coffee Club. Just a fiver creates a Little LifeSaver - the price of a nice coffee.

www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/buymeacoffee



Do you know a business who might partner with us? If so, please email: info@littlelifesavers.org

Could you hold or participate in a fundraiser for us? From a coffee morning to a sponsored walk, whatever you love to do, help us be here next year for the children. email your idea to info@littlelifesavers.org



Thank You for helping us create a Nation of LifeSavers

